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DFAS Prepares for A-76 Competition

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has begun an A-76 Cost Comparison Study of Security Assistance Accounting functions. A diverse group of appropriations cover the administration of Foreign Military Sales, the Foreign Military Financing programs, the closeout of the Special Defense Acquisition Funds, and the International Military Education and Training program.

DFAS will be soliciting proposals from service providers to do this work, using the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circular A-76 guidelines. The OMB guidelines have a two-step process that first involves selecting a service provider that offers the best value. The selected service provider then competes against the DFAS most efficient organization.

Currently 460 DFAS employees provide security assistance accounting with \$300 billion in open accounts and records and approximately \$12 billion in expenditures each year. The DFAS-Denver site is currently the business manager for security assistance accounting. Installation level accounting is performed at the following locations: Columbus, Ohio; Denver, Colo.; Dayton, Ohio; Limestone, Maine; Omaha, Neb.; San Antonio, Texas; San Bernardino, Calif.; Rock Island, Ill.; and St. Louis, Mo.

"We hope there will be a strong response from the private sector in this competition," said Thomas R. Bloom, DFAS Director. "We have worked hard to ensure that private industry and government have a level playing field on which to compete for this work and we want to give our customers the best service for their tax dollars," he added.

A final Request for Proposal (RP) was released on January 24, 2001. Questions on the final RFP will be due by February 5, 2001. Proposals will be due by May 15, 2001 with a tentative final decision expected by September 24, 2001. Copies of the RP will be available on the DFAS web site, www.dfas.mil/aso. Questions may be sent to: Janet Carlson, DFAS Acquisition Support Organization, Crystal Mall 3, 1931 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22240-5291, e-mail janet.carlson@dfas.mil.

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